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**From:** Hood, Timonie  
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**To:** Amaro, Laurie; Armann, Steve; Camp, Christiane; Heller, Zoe; Huetteman, Tom; Linder, Steven; McDaniel, Doug; Nelson, Cheryl; Shalev, Omer; Taylor, Katherine  
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### WST-Related

## MEDIA

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## WEB

### Social Media:

**Recycling Electronics** – Posted to Facebook and Twitter about donating and recycling old phones, pads, and other electronic gadgets and linked to our [Electronics Donations and Recycling](#) page.

### Web Updates:

**EO 13650 Public Listening Sessions** – Posted links to the January 8-10 Public Listening Sessions on EO 13650 Improving Chemical Facility Safety and Security to the [About Region 9](#) and [Region 9 News and Events](#) pages.

**Federal Green Challenge** – Updated Webinar listings on the [Federal Green Challenge website](#).

### Online Updates:

**RCRA/UST Lead Region** – Posted the December 23, 2013 Consolidated Report on the [RCRA/UST Lead Region intranet site](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**On Capitol Hill This Week:** The House is slated to vote Thursday on a package of bills that would allow states to assign priority to cleanup projects conducted under federal laws, including Superfund; to subject federal cleanups to state and local laws; and to bar the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing waste-disposal regulations in states that already have them. The measures are sponsored by Republican Reps. Bill Johnson and Bob Latta of Ohio and Cory Gardner of Colorado. The legislation is expected to pass the GOP-controlled chamber with a party-line vote, but has little chance of advancing in the Democratic-controlled Senate. House Energy and Commerce Committee ranking member Henry Waxman, D-Calif., sent a letter to Shimkus on Tuesday asking him to delay floor consideration of the bill. Waxman contends that the subcommittee chairman promised to meet with representatives from the Justice and Defense departments to address concerns over the legislation but failed to do so.

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**Associated Press:** Reporter Alicia Chang is looking for information notice requiring companies involved in offshore hydraulic fracturing to report chemicals discharged off the California coast. Have prepared desk statement. Reporter is also looking for the actual language from the federal register notice. WATER. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

**AZ Daily Star:** Reporter Tony Davis has question on whether or not proposed Rosemont mine will be subject to regional haze/visibility requirements, coordinated with Air and CED on statement, sent factual statement based on regs - CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan Margot Perez-Sullivan U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**San Francisco Examiner:** Reporter Chris Roberts had question about report in UK publication about concerns over Fukushima-related radiation along the California Coast. Sent statement R9 developed with HQ. AIR. CLOSED. (v) Kelly Zito

**CBS (NY):** Assignment editor Yalda Sadiq had question about concerns over Fukushima-related radiation along the California Coast. Sent statement R9 developed with HQ. AIR. CLOSED (v) Kelly Zito/Bill Keener

**Eureka (Calif.) Radio:** Host Jennifer Savage requested an EPA representative to appear on a live radio show regarding concerns about Fukushima-related radiation along the California coast. Sent statement R9 developed with HQ. AIR. CLOSED (v) Kelly Zito/Julia Valentine (HQ)

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**NEPA Comments** – Posted updated EPA comments on the Sierrita Pipeline Project and the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan to the [NEPA Federal Energy Commission page](#) and updated the link to the Hazardous Fire Risk Reduction Project (East Bay Hills) on the [NEPA Department of Homeland Security page](#).

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### 9online Updates:

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**Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32):** Brent Maier received a heads-up note from OCIR's Sven-Erik Kaiser that heads up that the Administrator got a call from Congresswoman Napolitano (left a message). Rep. Napolitano heard from a constituent who applied for the National Drinking Water Advisory Council and she wanted to find out more about the council and support the nomination. The constituent is Robb Whitaker of the Water Replenishment District in LA. OCIR's Cathy Davis will pull together info on the council (nominations closed on Dec 20) and send to Rep. Napolitano's staffer. OCIR is checking with the Administrator's scheduler about a callback.

**Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26):** Brent Maier followed up with Congresswoman Julia Brownley's office and we have learned that the issue the Congresswoman wishes to discuss with RA Blumenfeld is EPA's letter to NASA in the NEPA process. Brent has provided the Congresswoman's scheduler, Jonathan Cousimano, with Abigail Gaudarios's contact information so that he can work with the Front Office to schedule a time for a call with the Congresswoman and Regional Administrator.

**Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14):** Brent Maier and Shelly Rosenblum (AIR) had a follow up call today with Brian Perkins, District Director in the Congresswoman's San Mateo Office on the issue of potential radiation from the Fukushima Power Plant reaching the beaches in San Mateo County and some recent You Tube and media interest in some reporting of high levels from some geiger counter readings. Some additional information was shared that was prepared by our office that indicated that with respect to the local beach monitoring by Geiger counters, background radiation varies from place to place and is often quite variable, especially on a beach. Radium, thorium and uranium often concentrate on beaches due to the stratifying effect of wave and wind action, removing lighter weight particles. Sometimes this may appear as rivulets of dark gray, brown or black sand. Because the winds and waves modify the beach, radiation levels might vary over time as well. Last week the California Department of Public Health took some readings at the Pacifica beach, at the request of the County Department of Health and we are still awaiting the results of that sampling.

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